

DON'T BE FOOLED

By the flowing advertisements in regard to the "GREAT REDUCTIONS," (cost and less than cost.) These are only BAITs. But go where goods are sold at the right price. BARGAINS EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR. By purchasing goods in large quantities we buy them so cheap that we can sell you

OVERCOATS, SUITS, HATS, CAPS, &c.,

at prices less than others with their cuts and reductions. The proof of this is by the "Rush of Trade" we have when the cry is "Awful Dull." Good goods at the right price tells the tale.

HOLIDAY NOVELTIES.

We never were so well "fixed" to give you a large assortment to select from as now. Constantly receiving the latest things in NECKWEAR, Fancy Imported VELVETS, Plush and Silk SCARFS, largest line of Silk and Linen HANDKERCHIEFS in the city, MUFFLERS, SUSPENDERS, SCARF PINS, CUFF BUTTONS, lined KID GLOVES and MITTENS. These goods were selected with care and will be sold at prices cheaper than you ever saw them.

If you want a STYLISH SUIT made go to J. R. Race & Co.'s.

COME, COME TO J. R. RACE & CO.

129 to 135 Water Street.

Dec. 12, 1883

Corn in Macon County.

The department reports show that by the assessor's return for 1883 the number of acres planted in corn in Macon county this year was 192,341; average yield per acre, 32; total yield, 4,131,912 bushels; quality compared with an average, 75. The yield of corn is reported at less than 20 bushels per acre this season in the following counties, viz.: Carroll and Pulaski, 18 bushels; Christian, Clay, Kaskaskia and Stephenson, 16; Cook, Effingham and Macon, 14; Ford, Richland and Winnebago, 15; Franklin, Henry and Whitesides, 18; Grundy, 12; Livingston and Ogles, 17; Peoria, 19.

It is remarked in the report: There has never been as much complaint in any previous year concerning the poor quality of corn. The farmers in many localities are ventilating their corn cribs with drain tiles, others are using rails, while some have found it necessary to take the corn out of the cribs and spread it out over the ground to prevent heating and rotting. The more cautious have left the soft corn in the field, and gather from day to day what is necessary for feeding purposes. The soft corn does not make as much head or pork, nor bakes as well as the hard corn, and cattle and hogs are not doing as well as usual on that account. Ship pers find it difficult to market the soft corn even to the distillers, and farmers having such corn are either feeding it to their own stock or selling to feeders. Farmers, with no cattle or hogs, are complaining about the great difficulty of finding a market for soft corn.

Griggs' Glycerine Salve.
The best on earth, can truly be said of Griggs' Glycerine Salve, which is a sure cure for cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, wounds, and all other sores. Will positively cure piles, hemorrhoids and all skin eruptions. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Only 25 cents. For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner, physician and druggist, 14 south side new square, Decatur, Ill. may19-dk-wly

The Popular New York Store.
Though their several retail places have a larger outlet for goods than any other store in Decatur, they buy for cash direct from the best markets in the country, and the fact of their having to enlarge their store to three times its former size to accommodate their rapidly increasing business, proves positively that they can and do offer inducements to the cash purchaser which no one else can. If you would buy where the money is returned for all goods not as represented, and where you will have Largest, Newest and Freshest stock to select from, and where prices are always at the lowest possible point, patronize

POPULAR NEW YORK STORE.
Nov. 23, 1883

Leather Shoes: low prices; J. W. Baker

Come and see our Grand display of fine overcoats and suits for the holidays, CHAS. CHARLEY.

Shoe Store: low prices; J. W. Baker

Go to Dr. Thomas S. Hoskins to get your dental work done. Cor. Main and Water streets, Decatur, Ill. 21dt

Our most successful men are those who wear fine fitting clothes. Moral: Leave your measure with Fleury, the French Cutter.

Our Present Blessings.

Our blessings are not appreciated until we are deprived of them. Most notable among them is health, the lack of which magnifies our other burdens. A hacking cough, a severe cold or any throat or lung disease is very troublesome; but all these may be quickly and permanently removed by Dr. Bigelow's Positive Cure. Trial bottle free of Dr. A. J. Stoner, physician and druggist, 14 south side new square, Decatur, Ill.

A Bad Cough.
For rent - A well furnished front room in the new block, on North Water street. Water, gas, bath-room and all modern conveniences. Building heated by furnace. Call at 138 Prairie street, two doors east of postoffice. 26dt

Look at the mixed candy, 15 cents a pound, at Wood Bro's.

We are constantly receiving the Latest Shapes in Stiff and Soft Hats. Fleury, the French Cutter.

AYER'S Cherry Pectoral.

No other complaints are so insidious in their attacks as those affecting the throat and lungs, and so trifled with by the majority of sufferers. The ordinary cough or cold, resulting, perhaps from a chilling exposure, or exposure, is often but the beginning of a serious sickness. AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL has well proven its efficacy in a long years' fight with throat and lung diseases, and should be taken in all cases without delay.

A Terrible Cough Cured.
"In 1871 I took a severe cold, which affected my lungs. I had a terrible cough, and passed my nights almost without sleep. The doctor's remedy failed. I tried AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL, which relieved my lungs, induced sleep, and afforded me rest and recovery. By the continued use of the CHERRY PECTORAL, I am now well, hale and hearty, and am satisfied your CHERRY PECTORAL saved my life."
HOBART PARSONS, JR.
Hingham, Vt., July 15, 1882.

A Group - A Mother's Tribute.
"While in the country last winter my little boy, three years old, was taken ill with croup. It seemed as if he would die from strangulation. One of the family suggested the use of AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL, a bottle of which was always kept in the house. The cough was soon allayed, and the child recovered. I am now well, hale and hearty, and am satisfied your CHERRY PECTORAL saved my life."
MRS. EMMA (HENDERSON) STINE
175 West 12th St., New York City, 16, 1883.

"I have used AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL in my family for several years, and do not hesitate to pronounce it the most effective remedy for coughs and colds I have ever tried."
A. J. CHASE
Lake Crystal, Minn., March 15, 1883.

"I suffered for eight years from Bronchitis, and after trying many remedies with no success, I was cured by the use of AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL."
J. E. BRADSHAW
Bridalia, Miss., April 5, 1882.

"I cannot say enough in praise of AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL, believing as I do that but for its use I should long since have died from lung troubles."
E. BRADSHAW
Frederick, Texas, April 22, 1882.

No case of an affection of the throat or lungs exists which cannot be greatly relieved by the use of AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL, and it will always cure when the disease is not already beyond the control of medicine.

PREPARED BY
Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.
Sold by all Druggists.

965 Lively Boys Attend the Decatur Schools.

39 Boys attend the High School. We can suit any grade, from the graduate to the smallest primary.

251 Boys attend the First Ward School. Our goods are suitable for any class.

176 Boys attend the Second Ward School. The suitability of our goods none can dispute for any grade.

192 Boys attend the Third Ward School. Even the rule of three will prove the suitability of our goods for those boys.

143 Boys attend the Fourth Ward School. Suitably inclined parents cannot help but be pleased with our goods.

114 Boys attend the Fifth Ward School. New goods suited the boys as well as adorning this addition to Decatur's school accommodations.

We can also suit the boys in our prosperous colored school.

B. STINE.



HOW IS IT

That the people of this community, who are not constitutionally inclined to use high sounding expressions, call

CHEAP CHARLEY

One of those things that some people build houses with and other people wear in their hats. Well, to cut it short, HE'S A BRICK, even if we say it ourselves. Why?

Hard as a Brick to Opposition,
Useful as a Brick to His Patrons.

BARGAINS FOR ALL.

CHEAP CHARLEY

The Leading Clothier of Decatur.



KAUFMANN & BACHRACH
Manufacturers of
MEN'S AND BOYS'

Clothing

Goods for Men's Wear.

Cor. East Main & Water

DECATUR.

Factory—Chicago, Illinois

IT COSTS MONEY, BUT WE DO IT.

BECAUSE,

We want every family in Macon and adjoining counties to own at least one set of "1847 ROGERS BROS. KNIVES."

FROM THIS DATE UNTIL CHRISTMAS, 1883,

WE WILL GIVE AWAY

WITH EACH AND EVERY \$10.00 WORTH OF GOODS

Purchased of us by ONE PERSON, AT ONE TIME,

One Set "1847 ROGERS BROS." Knives!

These Knives bear the MANUFACTURERS' NAME AND TRADE MARK, and NOT OUR OWN, and until recently sold at \$1.65 per set. From this offer we except only "1847 Rogers Bros." Knives, Forks and Spoons, and Sterling Silverware; ON ALL OF WHICH WE ARE NOW MAKING RUINOUSLY LOW PRICES; also all goods sold at wholesale.

EVERYTHING ELSE

In our large and varied stock of SILVER PLATED WARE, GLASSWARE, QUEENSWARE, CHINA WARE, LAMPS, TOYS and

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

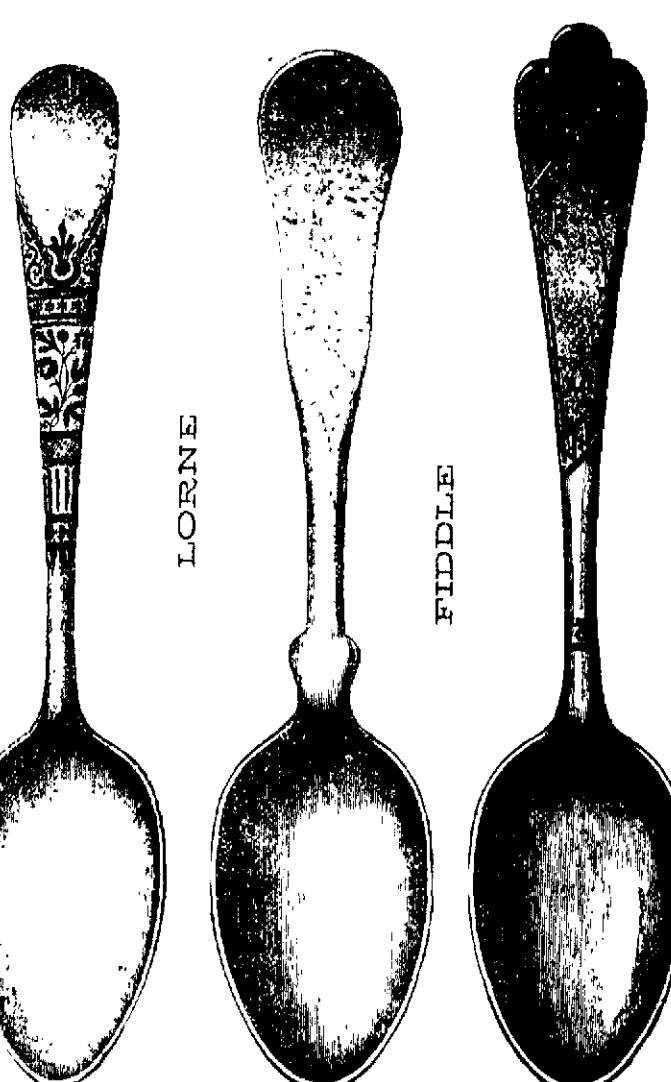
Is included in the offer. Our assortment in all lines is now good. By Christmas the choicest articles will have been sold.

COME, EARLY AND OFTEN.

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & CO.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 14, 1883.

HOLIDAY BARGAINS!



Get out this Price List and preserve it, as we will have to talk to you about something else.

Fiddle or Plain Pattern—5 Ounce or Extra Plate.

11A SPOONS—Not price, \$2.12 per dozen or \$1.07 per set.
11B SPOONS—Not price, \$1.25 per dozen or \$1.13 per set.
11C SPOONS—Not price, \$1.25 per dozen or \$1.13 per set.

Eastlake and Lorne Patterns—Both Fancy.

11A SPOONS—Not price, \$2.12 per dozen or \$1.07 per set.
11B SPOONS—Not price, \$1.25 per dozen or \$1.13 per set.
11C SPOONS—Not price, \$1.25 per dozen or \$1.13 per set.

Fiddle or Plain Pattern—12 Ounce or Triple Plate.

11A SPOONS—Not price, \$3.37 per dozen or \$1.69 per set.
11B SPOONS—Not price, \$1.75 per dozen or \$1.33 per set.
11C SPOONS—Not price, \$1.75 per dozen or \$1.33 per set.

Eastlake and Lorne Patterns—Both Fancy.

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11B SPOONS—Not price, \$1.75 per dozen or \$1.33 per set.
11C SPOONS—Not price, \$1.75 per dozen or \$1.33 per set.

OTTO E. CURTIS & CO.

LEADING JEWELERS OF ILLINOIS.

YOU CAN FIND AT THE

CITY BOOK STORE,

Fine Books, Books in sets, Books for the Young, and for the Old.

BIBLES, ALBUMS, PICTURES.

MIRRORS, STATUARY.

All suitable for

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

J. H. BEVANS.

No. 122 Merchant St., DECATUR.

Merry Christmas!

At this merry time, it shall be for all our friends and customers if Low Price Goods and prompt attention will make them so.

Our stock full of New and Beautiful Goods for Holiday Trade. Many of the best and suitable articles for Christmas and New Year Gifts.

FLANNELS, SHAWLS, DRESS GOODS, SILKS, VELVETS, PLUSHES, HOSIERY, UNDERWEAR, LACES, EMBROIDERIES, NOTIONS, FANCY GOODS, KID GLOVES, SILK MITTENS, ETC., ETC., ETC.

All goods in the Millinery Department at half value.

Handmade Patterns, Turbans, Toques, Felt, made Hats, etc., etc., Birds, Ornaments, etc., etc. See and price our goods.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,

113 East Main Street, Powers' Block.

WHAT TO GIVE

Relatives and friends for a Holiday Present is the leading question at this season of the year. Call at

Ferguson & Dillehunt's

and select from a large line of useful articles such as:

CANNERS, COFFIN CASES, CUPBOARD SETS, CHAMBER SETS, CHAMBER PAIRS, CROWN TRAY AND BRUSHES.

NUT PICKS AND CRACKS, ROLLER AND ICE SKATES, FLUTERS, GRANITE WARE, CHILD'S TRAYS, POCKET KNIVES, KNIVES AND FORKS.

BERLIN TEA AND COFFEE SETS, TIN TOY BANKS, CUPS, BUCKETS, HORNS, ETC.

Garland, Champion Monitor, Round Oak

AND JEWEL STOVES.

Price as low as the lowest, and your custom appreciated. Call and see us.

FERGUSON & DILLEHUNT,

NO. 13 WATER STREET.

The Daily Republican.

TERMS: Per week, payable to Carrier, \$10.00. One year, in advance, \$5.00. The Month, \$1.00. Three Months, \$2.50.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 21, 1883.

We have just returned from New York with new prices on Rogers Bros' 1947 Knives. See us.

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.

QUARTS cost a dollar a dozen.

WEDDING TO-MORROW AFTERNOON.

SHIRAZ Christmas stockings to-morrow.

The White gate is on exhibition at Drake's Hotel.

The town of Kenney is going to have a new bank. Why?

"HUMPTY DUMPTY" this evening. Admission 15 and 50 cents. Co.

Eggs continue to sell at 30 cents a dozen.

Take your Juliet to see Mrs. Jarley at the tabernacle this evening.

No more circuit court business until Thursday morning, Dec. 27th.

STYRIAN cutters at D. F. Hamster's shop, Wood street.

They got water at the source of supply yesterday afternoon before 8 o'clock.

Groceries bought at Hanks & Patterson's store delivered to any part of the city free of charge.

Grand military ball Monday evening next. All those having received invitations should arrive tickets at once of the committee.

Dressed chickens and fresh eggs at Niedermeyer's family grocery store on the mound.

The handsome holiday numbers of the *Chicago Gazette* and *Urban Herald* have been received at this office. Both are elegant Christmas gifts to subscribers.

Strawberry horse feed ready for use on and at Niedermeyer's, on the mound.

It costs only \$2 an hour to sleighing in a hired outfit. No, we don't care for any of that kind of "fun" just now.

The nicest lot of toilet goods you ever saw, all suitable for Christmas gifts, may be found at Armstrong's drug store.

SAM LAY, 190 North Water street—machine ironed shirts, 10 cents, collars 3 cents, cuffs 5 cents per pair. Dec 11-17

That was a stirring parade the Humpty Dumpty made this afternoon. Witness the entertainment to-night.

CANDIES, NUTS and ORANGES for Christmas at Wood Bros.

Mrs. Jarley and her famous "war riggers" will make fun at the tabernacle to-night. Now statutory, and a lecture by the Dwarf.

Presents your girl with a supply of standard perfumery, in satin-lined cases. Get it at Armstrong's.

Teachers have been roasting high again all week. Some of them didn't reach the desired elevation, and they are now on sale at the stores.

DALLAVES, Abel & Locke's decorator, will show you the noblest patterns of transformed window decorations. 17-22w

LADIES' SHOES: low prices; J. W. Baker

This Decatur school will be closed this evening for a week, to allow the children and teachers to have 10 days of Christmas enjoyment.

For holiday presents in the jewelry line, call on W. W. Scudder. 20-1w

Those "war riggers" to be shown at the tab. to-night are "just too killing for anything." It will tickle you immensely to see them.

Try the ground oats and crushed corn on sale at Tuller & Paik's new feed store, near the tabernacle.

This alarm of the yesterday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock was caused by a slight report of the pine roof over Norman's laundry boilers. Damage slight. Fire out before the arrival of the department.

Stop at Peter Ulrich's grocery store and get a supply of No. 4. Nothing like it; but No. 2 is about as good.

Make your friend a present of a fine musical instrument for Christmas. Such a gift will be appreciated. The place to make selections is at C. B. Prescott's, in opera block.

"Lina Old Dominion Buck (Gloves)," the best in the world, to be had only of Linn & Scruggs. 16-15-dw

A MANUSCRIPT attended meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of the Decatur District, was held yesterday at Stapp's Chapel. The snow perhaps kept many delegates away. But little business was transacted, and the meeting adjourned finally last night.

SCOUR SHOES: low prices; J. W. Baker

Mr. J. H. CHILDERS, the florist blacksmith, has located in Decatur and opened a shop on West Wood street, near the Illinois Central road. Mr. Childers solicits a share of the patronage of the public. Read his card in another column.

LADIES' SHOES: low prices; J. W. Baker

About 300 tourists were aboard the Illinois Central cheap excursion train that passed through Decatur last evening bound for New Orleans. The rate from Decatur for the round trip was \$25.00, tickets good to return on any train up to June 1st.

ALL leading dealers sell Schmederer's celebrated Bohemian cigars. Ask for them. A nickel each.

SCOUR SHOES: low prices; J. W. Baker

The ladies agree that No. 4, sold by Peter Ulrich, the grocer, is about as good as No. 2 to be had at the same place.

At the shop of J. W. Tyler, Jr., get elegant sets of handsomely mounted harnesses.

The Hungarian system of milling by *Geo. Priest & Co.* full and complete in all details, makes the best flour ever sold in the city. Prices as low as any. April 10 dwt

Boys' flannel waists at Stine's. If

A BEAUTIFUL line of Christmas candy boxes at Wood Bros.

No other medicine has won for itself such universal approbation in its own city, state and country, and among all people, as Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is the best combination of vegetable blood purifiers, with the iodine of Potassium and Iron, ever offered to the public.

Mason Got His Man.

The other day Marshal Mason departed for Kansas City to arrest one Byron D. Morse, who has been indicted for forgery, which alleged crime was committed in this county last summer. The prisoner was caught to-day on a requisition by the marshal, who will arrive with his man to-night or to-morrow. Morse is charged with having forged a draft on which he secured \$50, and Jacob Bullard, the undertaker, who endorsed the paper for Morse, believing him to be a square, had to pay the money. Morse will have a tough time fighting the serious charge against him.

Six of a Kind.

We received a pleasant call to-day from the six Imboden brothers, Cyrus M., Adam H., John G. and Frank, all of this city, David C., of Kansas City, and Elmer, of Wichita, Kansas. These brothers had come together for the first time in ten years, for the purpose of celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the marriage of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Imboden. A family dinner was spread to-day at the old homestead on South Main street, which was discussed with much enjoyment by parents, children and grandchildren. It is seldom that we are permitted to chronicle the assemblage of such a group, in these days of widely scattered families, and Mr. and Mrs. Imboden may consider themselves peculiarly blessed in being able to see at their table, after forty years of married life, all their living children, and to realize also that they have given to society six sons whose lives are so full of promise and so free from reproach as are theirs.

Electric Light.

Four miles of unsanitary wire for the Electric Light soon to be put in use in Decatur, arrived in the city this morning. It will be strung up in a short time, and the light will be ready for use by Jan. 1st. President Trowbridge will build a large circuit, so that he will be able to reach every part of the city. Active preparations are in progress at the plant headquarters, at the north end of Franklin street. The engine and boilers will soon be in position.

Indicted Again.

The grand jury which adjourned sine die this week paid much attention to notorious "filibuster" and brought in an indictment against its mistress, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Davis, charging her with keeping a house of ill-fame. She will be hauled over the legal coals once more. Perhaps she will spend another hot summer in the county jail.

A New Combination.

The Springfield Journal thus tells about a party of young people, all former residents of Decatur: "The Brandom Combination." "The Brandom Combination" is a new musical combination, consisting of Miss L. Brandom, pianist, and Miss L. Brandom, vocalist, will give a literary and musical entertainment at Waverly, Wednesday evening of next week.

During the past few days a force of

Wabash trackmen have been engaged in enlarging the tie switch at the West Main street crossing of the St. Louis Division of the Wabash. This is being done to accommodate the Decatur Traction Company, whose works are near by, and whose increasing business demands this improvement so that they can fill their orders more rapidly. The old switch gave room to but six cars. The new one will furnish space for 12 or more.

Not a Candidate.

This telegram is one of local interest. It is important because official:

Rockport, Ill., Dec. 19.—In reference to the recent report that he was about to be married, Rev. Thomas Harrison, the best preacher, issued a correspondent the following this morning, with "the request" that it be given the widest publicity: "I am not a candidate for matrimony, all rumors to the contrary notwithstanding."

He added: "I never heard of the young

lady to whom I am reported engaged, and do not know her from Adam, though she may be one of my many converts."

It is now in order for the Danville News to rise and explain where it got its authority for stating that Mr. Harrison was to marry an Indianapolis girl whose name he doesn't know "from Adam." Now let the News print a card.

A Misplaced Switch.

There was more grief about a turned switch on the I. & W. road, near the coal shaft, last night, and the midnight passenger train bound for Indianapolis came to a standstill and did not get away until this morning. The engine, tender and baggage car left the track. The heavy locomotive came near tipping over down the grade, but fortunately did not. Those switches near the coal shaft ought to claim more attention.

Imported Christmas Meat.

Early Monday morning Danzweiler & Son will place upon the blocks at their handy market on Merchant street, three fat and juicy imported hams, specially selected for the Christmas rush. Mr. Danzweiler invites all patrons and friends to call around and get a supply of this delicious meat. Come early. 20-22

Grant Fun.

The young people of the community are having great fun sleigh-riding these days and nights. Sleighing was never better, and it seems that all Decatur is out every evening gliding over the snow. The small boy with his sled is in his element, and he too, is taking advantage of the slick time.

Mrs. JARLEY put her Indian on roller skates last night and wound him up so successfully that a number of persons thought him to be alive. He took the prize for the best costume of the roller skating rink and will appear again at the tabernacle to-night. Admission 10 cents, reserved seats 25 cents.

A Dance.

On the evening of June 8th the members of Young America Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, will give a sociable and dance at Bremen's headquarters on West Main street. The invitations have been sent out.

Attention, K. of L.

Regular meeting of Decatur A. No. 2435, K. of L., this (Friday) evening. Business of importance, and a full attendance of members is requested. Visiting Knights in the city cordially invited to meet with us. O. H. KAPLEY, M. W.

C. W. FINE, R. S.

D. F. HAMSTER makes spring wagons to order and will do all sorts of repair work on short notice.

All kinds of gent's wear at B. Stine's. If

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

December Term, 1883—Judge J. W. Wilkin Presiding.

FRIDAY, DEC. 21.

Court met this morning at 8:30 o'clock. Judge Wilkin stated that court would adjourn over Christmas, and a short time before the noon hour it was officially announced that court had adjourned until Thursday, Dec. 27, at 8½ o'clock a.m. The following cases were given attention:

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

John Ulrich vs. Lucy A. Drake; attachment. Continued by agreement.

G. H. Giers, appellant, vs. John Lyons; appeal. Dismissed by agreement of the parties.

John Lyons vs. C. H. Giers, appellant; appeal. Same entry as above.

Wm. Peter vs. H. and C. A. Kain; assumpsit. Rule nisi granted.

Halling & Co. vs. O. H. Waters; confession. Judgment for \$107.36 and costs of suit.

Martin Albert vs. John Corcoran; attachment. Verdict issued for defendant and damages assessed at \$31.74. Motion entered by plaintiff for a new trial.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Ellen A. Chapman vs. Sarah McBride, et al; chancery. Motion entered for order of court to set aside the decree and damages assessed at \$31.74. Motion entered by plaintiff for a new trial.

Fred Ahlitz vs. Geo. W. Lyons, et al; foreclosure. Rule on defendant to answer by 10 o'clock.

In the divorce case of Adelia Bishop A. Bishop a motion was made for an order to the sheriff to deliver property to complainant mentioned in the decree.

Hardy Duly, et al, vs. Lafayette Robinson, et al; divorce. Decree pro confesso as to adult defendants and referred to master.

J. R. Gorin, et al, vs. John M. Porquer, et al; foreclosure. Report of master approved, and decree given for \$14.89 and costs.

B. G. Henry, et al, vs. Margaret A. Olor; partition. Report of commissioners approved and decree for sale by the master on terms stated in decree.

Walker Bros. & Co. vs. J. D. and S. L. Nulms; foreclosure. Decree pro confesso and referred to master.

PEOPLE'S DOCKET.

People vs. Stephen H. Swain; verdict of guilty on charge of carrying concealed weapons; motion for a new trial overruled, and defendant fined \$25 and costs.

People vs. James W. Clark; convicted on charge of keeping gaming house; motion for a new trial overruled. Motion entered for arrest of judgment as to second count.

People vs. Walter James; petit larceny. Pleaded guilty. Defendant sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and pay costs.

"The Prodigal Son."

Rev. George B. Vosburg, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach a series of Sabbath evening sermons on the "Prodigal Son." The subjects of the discourses and the dates of their delivery will be as follows:

Dec. 23.—The Departure from Home, or Forsaking God.

Dec. 24.—Dissolute Living, or Sinful Pleasures.

Jan. 6.—Among the Swine, or the Finality of Sin.

Jan. 13.—"He came to Himself," or the Power of Repentance.

Jan. 20.—Thoughts of His Father, or the Hour of Resolution and Repentance.

Jan. 27.—The Homeward Journey, or the Hour of Action and Confession.

Feb. 3.—The Welcome, or Welcome, or God's Feelings Toward Man.

Feb. 10.—The Home Banquette, or the Joy of the Redeemed.

All seats in this church are free. You are cordially invited to all of its services.

A New Physician.

A late issue of the *Utica (N. Y.) Daily Press* contained the following allusion to a professional gentleman who has decided to locate permanently in this city:

We learn that Dr. H. J. Spencer, recently of West Winfield, has located at Decatur, Ill. On account of failing health the doctor was obliged to leave this section, where he has an excellent practice, and is well known as an able physician and superior surgeon, for a warmer climate. His absence is much regretted in West Winfield, and hosts of friends wish him success in his new field.

We welcome Dr. Spencer to Decatur, and hope his residence here will be long, pleasant and profitable. He is a homeopathic practitioner.

The Death Angel.

MAXWELL—Matie Maxwell, aged 16 years, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Maxwell, died yesterday afternoon, Dec. 20, of cholera, at the family residence on North Main street. The young lady was ill but a short time.

BARRETT—The intelligence of the death of Chicago on Dec. 20, of Mrs. S. J. Barrett, wife of Mr. William M. Barrett, reached Decatur yesterday afternoon.

The deceased, who was a sister of Mr. J. S. Howes, was ill for about four weeks, and was afflicted with malarial fever and neuralgia of the stomach. Mrs. Barrett lived in Chicago several years ago and had many friends and acquaintances in the community, who will regret to learn of her death. She was aged 37 years. Capt. Howes left for Chicago last night.

The burial will take place at Chicago to-morrow at 10 a. m.

Humpty Dumpty To-Night.

This evening, George H. Adams, the greatest of all clowns, will appear, supported by Adam Forepaugh's excellent specialty company. Mr. Adams has revolutionized the business by reducing the best first floor seats to fifty cents, and there is no doubt that his business will be immense. The *Pittsburg Chronicle* says:

Those who were at Liberty Hall last night gave Mr. Geo. H. Adams credit for a much better performance of the popular party than any other they had ever given in our city in late years. The Martinetti, in their classical groupings; the acrobatic Leslie Brothers; the Martonettes, Mr. and Mrs. Tisot, and Prof. Wallace in his marvellous imitations of birds, were each and all highly applauded.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

I. N. Bundy, a former editor, is a patient at St. Mary's Hospital.

Mrs. G. D. Randolph will spend the holidays with friends at Green Valley.

Miss Louie Farmer departed yesterday for Quincy and Mt. Sterling to spend the holidays.

Mrs. H. C. Allen, of Harriestown, left last night for Georgetown, Ky., where she will visit a number of weeks.

J. W. Clark and Walter James, two prisoners, spent several hours in the court room to-day.

Ed. Thompson and Lewis Ernest were the gentlemanly partners at the Woodford-Staines wedding.

Geo. P. Zeiss has been elected Captain General of the Mt. Pulaski Commandery, Knight Templars.

Billy Forester says he will be at the Hook's social and dance, Jan. 8th, as large as life.

Judge Wilkin left for his home at Marshall this noon. He will return Thursday next.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hillis left for Salamanca, N. Y., last night. They will be gone until after the holidays.

Alfred Ditch, chairman of the fire and water committee, put in a full day at the works yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Owens and children, of Long Creek township, left that section yesterday, and are now on their way to Solomon City, Kansas, where they will locate permanently.

Mrs. John Bird left last evening on the Central excursion train for New Orleans, La., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Ollie Clinton. She will remain at New Orleans until Spring.

J. H. Kelly, manager of Humpty Dumpty, paid us a fraternal call to-day. Mr. K. in summer is the advance press agent for the Forepaugh circus. He says the great showman will visit Decatur next season.

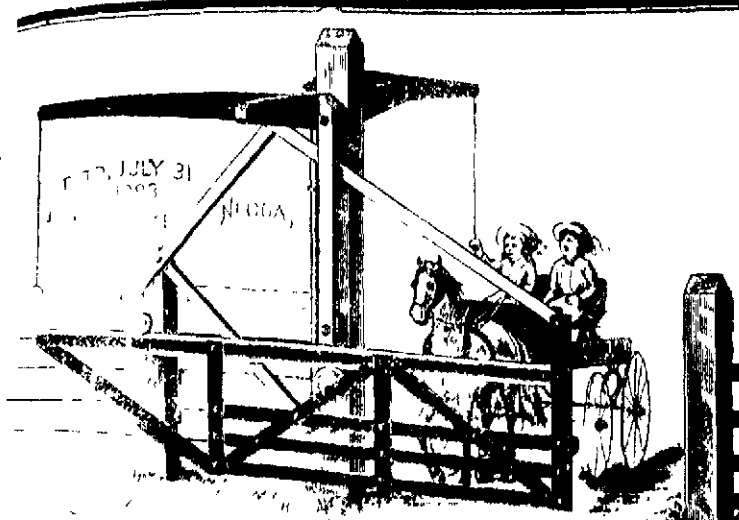
F. W. Champion, brother-in-law of Wm. Dodson, and general passenger agent for the Green Bay, Winona & St. Paul R. R. Co., is in the city. He is accompanied by his family, and all are guests of Mr. Dodson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Harting and R. P. Murphy, of Marion; Walk Edson, Sullivan; J. B. Hicks, Taylorville; C. D. Paine, Clinton and L. G. Travis, Moberga, are among the guests registered at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

John Wittenbach, late editor and proprietor of the Lockport, (Ind.) *Journal* is in the city, visiting his old friend, W. H. Allen. He is here prospecting with a view of locating in this section permanently.

V. Barber is home from Jacksonville. He took Conrad Schoenle to the asylum, and brought back Wm. Williamson, colored, the great money-making, who is now at the poor farm in company with that other money crank, Elmer Nelson, who makes money by wholesale.

Miss Fannie Smith, for several years a teacher in the Decatur schools



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STAGE JEALOUSY.

Example of the "Cannedness" of Arrival Actors and Actresses.
(Boston file.)

The proverbial jealousy of actors has been a frequent subject of derision, writes Alfred Trimble in an exchange. I observed an evidence of it the other night, and I will venture to say I was one of a very few people in that audience, which filled the house, that noticed it. The star had had some row with his leading man that day, and the latter, at the commencement of one of his superior speeches to him, suddenly commenced to back up the stage. You must understand that in a stage management, when an actor has an important speech to deliver, the person or persons to whom he is supposed to be speaking occupy positions a little in advance of him, down stage, so that he may address them, and at the same time have his face turned to the audience. A speech with the back to the spectators loses all its effects, unless, which is rarely the case, that position is actually called for by the business. If the listener moves up stage until the speaker is between them and the footlights, it naturally has to turn his back to the audience or talk over his shoulder to a person behind him, either of which operations utterly destroys the effect of what he says.

This is exactly what the leading man did. Moving back, step by step, he turned the star to turn and speak to him, and the best and most effective times in the play thus were delivered without a whisper of applause when, by all experience, they should have provoked a roar.

The leading man was discharged that night, but, as he remarked to his friends next day:

"I got even with him, the leader! First I lost a thousand dollars, then a round, and the whole piece went for nothing after that."

Next to depriving a rival of applause, the jealous actor loves to destroy the effect of that which is accorded him. Thus you find him ever ready to interrupt the plaudits about to be or in course of being bestowed. To explain. In every part of any prominence on the stage there are certain speeches, or as they are professionally called "lines," which can be relied on to provoke applause. Consequently, when these are spoken, there ought to be a brief pause after them, to give the audience a chance to start. This privilege is tacitly conceded, and one actor is supposed to accord it to another.

But often the jealous player, as soon as a rival finishes one of these speeches, will commence his reply before the audience get a chance to applaud. Then the jealous actor either checked short, or are without force, as most of the people, who would otherwise be applauding, are listening in order not to lose the threat of the scheme.

Actors will easily take to themselves applause showered on another, too. Thus, during a performance of "Olivette," the lady singing the Countess de Rouillon made a hit which was by no means to the liking of the artist impersonating Olivette. In the second act a duet scene between them, and at its conclusion a tremendous round of applause was sent up for the Countess Olivette. Olivette calmly walked to the footlights, acknowledged the praise which belonged to another, and repeated her verse of the song without paying the slightest attention to the cheering but subdued hiss which ran through the house.

One night at the Bowers theatre, New York, an actor with a somewhat indistinct voice was playing a part in a rather "pompous" one. A boy in the gallery asked him: "Why don't you advertise for your voice?" and one of the other actors on the stage nodded at the poor player and made a movement as if carrying a glass to his lips. The hint was taken at once, and a chorus of cries broke forth, and a perfect tempest of hisses.

The wretched actor became confused and almost lost what little voice he had. This confirmed the impression conveyed by his enemy's pantomime, and the whole house broke into a pandemonium of hisses, howls, catcalls and obprobria. The man was not in the least degree intimidated, but shame and terror actually drove him frantic. He rushed off the stage, pursued by the curses and derisive cries of the audience and out of the theatre, and never returned till he got home in his stage dress, and a fever followed that nearly killed him.

What the English call "mugging" is a favorite means adopted by malicious actors to spoil a rival's scenes. One has an impassioned speech, or a long one, to deliver himself of. During this time the other is idle. If he makes a face at the speaker or a derisive gesture, scores of the audience see it, a ripple of laughter runs through the house, and the scene is spoiled.

Thus, a few years ago, while Charles R. Thorne, Jr., was leading man at the Chestnut street theatre, Philadelphia, a super whom he had ensnared for being in his way, nearly got him killed from the stage. The play was Bulwer Lytton's "Money." Thorne played Alfred Evelyn. In the gambling-house scene where super's scenes scattered about the stage, supposed to be playing. The insulted one was among these. At the decisive epoch of the scene, when all eyes were upon Thorne, and all ears bent forward for his words, one gambler laid his finger alongside of his nose and communicated a most ludicrous contortion to his face. Some gallery boys saw it and commenced to titter. The super winked and rolled his eyes, and the great scene of the act ended in roars of laughter, to put an end to which the curtain had to be rung down.

"Giving a scene" is a term well known, probably, to all playgoers. How many, however, are aware of its meaning? To "give" a scene or a performance in plain English, is to make fun of or humiliate it. "Giving" is a terrible weapon in the hands of an actor enemy. Suppose Miss A. and Mr. B. have a scene together in which Miss A. is all fire and passion, while Mr. B. has to listen and "feed" her, that is, speak lines on which her replies depend for

their effect. Mr. B. has a grudge against Miss A., and whenever he has a line to speak, does it as he ought not to, repeats it stupidly if his import is serious, or with mock solemnity if it should be light and airy. The result is that the audience laugh at him, and the serious efforts of Miss A. go for nothing.

"Guys" do not rely on their chances of distorting the meaning of their speeches alone. They will dress a part improperly, wear the wrong wig, make up as they ought not to, in order to perfect their work. There was once a performance given here by a well-known actress, who was taking a bonbon. The company supporting her were called to play without salaries. One of them, the low comedian, took offence at this. It was a modern piece, and the part he was cast for in it was a comic servant. It was an important part, but the only one in his line in the play, and he had to accept it. He avenged himself by making up as a camp-meeting preacher, minus the hymn-book and hat, and played a humorous servitor like a grave-digger on a holiday. The piece was spoiled, for at every climax he had to come on the audience roared at him and forgot the play in their excitement. He was discharged, but the season was at an end. He only lost a week's salary, and had the pleasure of giving his enemy a fit of the blues, which all the pecuniary return of his performance could not gild.

Nothing distresses an actor or actress so much as to see people in the audience following their speeches in a play book. This is because of the serious to someone people that they actually lose control of themselves and forget the lines their tormentors are timing them on. Only the other night a couple of actors occupied a box at a Shakespearean performance here for the express purpose of applying this torture to an enemy on the stage. When the curtain went up they produced a couple of play books, and in full view of audience and actors commenced to follow the piece. Whenever a ship was made, or a line transposed or misquoted in any way, they would put their fingers on their books and not significantly to one another. By the end of the first act they had every one from the snore to the snore in a frenzy of nervous excitement, and the play would undoubtedly have degenerated into an absurdity if they had not gone out to get a drink and been refused admission when they tried to return and resume their campaign.

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